

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 516

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Alcoa High School football team upon winning the 2013 Class 3A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should applaud those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true competitors of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alcoa High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of athletes and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Gary Rankin, Alcoa won its thirteenth state football title in the Class 3A Blue Cross Bowl on December 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa Tornadoes defeated the Christ Presbyterian Academy Lions by a score of 25-7; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa High School football team showed great endurance and competitive spirit as they persevered through freezing rain and two lightning delays; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa's offense demonstrated great skill and determination when they successfully converted three drives of over ninety yards into touchdowns and set a new state title game rushing record of forty-nine carries for 278 yards; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa's defense demonstrated exceptional tenacity and fortitude when they limited the opposing offensive to fifteen minutes in time of possession and seven first downs; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Alcoa team carried on the school's fine football tradition by winning the school's thirteenth state title, the eighth in the past ten years, and collecting its eighty-seventh playoff win; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa High School football team displayed the persistence, camaraderie, and skill befitting of Tennessee's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to recognize and applaud the Alcoa High School football team, not only for the team's championship win, but for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Gary Rankin and the Alcoa High School football team for their Class 3A State Championship win and extend to them our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.